

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
FRANK G. SALADINO,)
)
vs.) No. 01-0392
)
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY,)
)
Complaint as to numerous)
alleged violations in Rockford,)
Illinois.)
Chicago, Illinois
February 19th, 2002

Met pursuant to notice at 1:00 p.m.

BEFORE:

CLAUDIA SAINOT, Administrative Law Judge.
 APPEARANCES:

MR. FRANK G. SALADINO
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Appearing Pro se;

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Appearing for ComEd.

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
Steven T. Stefanik, CSR

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: By the authority vested in me by
2 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
3 No. 01-0392. It is the complaint of
4 Frank G. Saladino against Commonwealth Edison as to
5 numerous violations in Rockford, Illinois.

6 Will the parties identify themselves and
7 include name and address and telephone number,
8 please.

9 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Go ahead.

10 MR. PABIAN: Michael Pabian for
11 Commonwealth Edison, 10 South Dearborn Street, 35th
12 Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603. Phone number,
13 (312) 394-5831.

14 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Frank G. Saladino,
15 Rockford, PO Box 86. Area code, 61105. Phone
16 number, 815 -- area code -- 231-2450.

17 JUDGE SAINSOT: Now, Mr. Saladino, I did read
18 your amended complaint, the one you filed on
19 January 22nd, and I have a few questions.

20 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I was talking about the
21 one February 14th where I was requested by the
22 Illinois Commerce Commission that I had to answer

1 this by the 15th. I mailed it the 14th on
2 overnight.

3 That's his Motion to Dismiss I answered.
4 I got a letter from the Commerce Commission and
5 Mr. Pabian that I had to answer that by the 15th
6 which I did.

7 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, let me see if it's the
8 same document.

9 MR. FRANK SALADINO: No. One was an amended
10 complaint and one was an answer to the -- it says
11 February 14th right on it. Another gentleman --
12 introduce himself.

13 JUDGE SAINSOT: You filed it. I didn't -- I
14 didn't -- I actually --

15 MR. FRANK SALADINO: It was sent. It was
16 filed.

17 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, did you serve me with a
18 copy?

19 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yeah, I did.

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: Then how come I don't have a
21 copy?

22 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I didn't bring the

1 overnight mailing. It said it was delivered. As a
2 matter of fact, it was overnighted to Mr. Pabian.

3 MR. PABIAN: It was -- your Honor, I can give
4 you -- I pulled it off of E-Docket.

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: You pulled it off of E-Docket?

6 MR. PABIAN: I think you're talking about the
7 filing --

8 MR. FRANK SALADINO: This is the one I had to
9 answer --

10 MR. PABIAN: Dated February 14th.

11 JUDGE SAINSOT: Let me see it.

12 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Deacon, introduce yourself
13 to the gentlemen and the court reporter.

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: No, only the parties introduce
15 themselves.

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: No, I thought you wanted
17 everybody in here.

18 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, Mr. Pabian sent me
19 something and that's when I -- Mr. Pabian sent me
20 something that I have record -- according to my
21 records, was filed on February 5th.

22 MR. PABIAN: Right. That was the answer and

1 Motion to Dismiss.

2 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. But you filed this on
3 February 15th?

4 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I was given the letter
5 from by -- from Mr. Pabian and from the Illinois
6 Commerce Commission itself that I had to send an
7 answer in by the 15th, which I sent it in on the
8 14th in an overnight and checked and it was
9 received.

10 MR. PABIAN: Your Honor, here, this is -- I
11 think this is what Mr. Saladino's talking about
12 here.

13 JUDGE SAINSOT: So Mr. Pabian, why did you file
14 something on the 5th then?

15 MR. PABIAN: No, that was my answer to his
16 second -- his second amended complaint.

17 JUDGE SAINSOT: Uh-huh.

18 MR. PABIAN: And then he was ordered -- my
19 answer and Motion to Dismiss, and he was required
20 to respond to my Motion to Dismiss.

21 JUDGE SAINSOT: Oh, so this is a response to
22 the Motion to Dismiss?

1 MR. PABIAN: Right.

2 JUDGE SAINSOT: I haven't seen this. I'll have

3 to take this under advisement.

4 MR. FRANK SALADINO: May I make a suggestion or

5 request or however you phrase it, your Honor?

6 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay.

7 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Since we're going to take

8 this under consideration. So -- I -- under a

9 little advice from -- I don't have my glasses --

10 Ms. Mishvia Whya Draper (phonetic) PUSH, Operation

11 PUSH, we just got done talking. I was kind of

12 advised that I need a legal rep- -- or

13 representation to concoct -- conduct -- concoct --

14 whatever this properly and that it's being looked

15 into. That should be looked into.

16 We just left them this morning. We got

17 thrown off because the hearing was on the 20th and

18 you made it for the 19th or we may have --

19 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Mr. --

20 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I just want to -- I didn't

21 want to get carried away.

22 May this thing be withdrawn, put aside?

1 Because maybe it might be filed in federal court.
2 How do we stop -- I don't want to lose it, I don't
3 want to dismiss it unless we can get along with
4 Commonwealth Edison, whatever, or an attorney can
5 get along with them or --

6 JUDGE SAINSOT: For the record, Mr. Saladino, I
7 would welcome an attorney.

8 MR. FRANK SALADINO: That's what they said.

9 JUDGE SAINSOT: Lawyers are very, very useful
10 people, especially in litigation.

11 But I -- at this point, since I'm taking
12 this under advisement, because I did not receive
13 this document that you filed on February 15th, I
14 would advise you to -- if you're thinking about
15 withdrawing --

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, I don't know
17 exactly. I looked through the law book and saw a
18 lot of things -- laws in there for --

19 JUDGE SAINSOT: What law book do you mean?

20 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Your Illinois Commerce
21 Commission law book.

22 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, we have regulations,

1 rules, statutes.

2 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yes, this is it right here
3 that was given to me.

4 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Those are regulations.

5 MR. FRANK SALADINO: And I saw a lot of
6 discovery. They're listed there, Hearing -- if I
7 wanted to object to you as the Hearing Examiner or
8 to interlocutory --

9 JUDGE SAINSOT: Right. There's a procedure.

10 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I've asked for that before
11 and it was never noticed in one of the motions for
12 another examiner, but I really don't want -- I
13 mean, I asked for it, but, anyway --

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: Are you asking for a change of
15 administrative law judge, Mr. Saladino? I never
16 saw anything.

17 MR. FRANK SALADINO: It's in the motion back in
18 October. It's in there that I thought maybe it was
19 a little -- that I would like to go to a little
20 higher up.

21 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, there is no higher up for
22 a trial.

1 MR. FRANK SALADINO: That's what it says in
2 your book. It says in your book that someone else
3 could come and look at it if I thought you were
4 prejudicial or --

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, there is no one else for
6 trial. We have the commissioners, but they're a
7 mini appellate proceeding.

8 MR. FRANK SALADINO: This was why I was
9 instructed today -- advised that I should get an
10 attorney to look into this before I -- we do any
11 more talking as these things were studied to
12 request -- and then we will give a notice we're
13 withdrawing this and file it in federal court or --

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. How long are we talking,
15 Mr. Saladino?

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, how long would it
17 have taken (sic) you -- I don't know -- to look at
18 this that you didn't look at? Would you have
19 made --

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, how would I look at it if
21 you didn't even serve me with a copy of it?

22 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I did.

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, I don't have a copy of
2 it.

3 MR. FRANK SALADINO: If he got it, you
4 should --

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: He got it off the E-Docket.

6 MR. PABIAN: You sent me a Fed Ex copy. He
7 sent me a Fed Ex copy. I think --

8 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I sent it overnight that
9 reached the office by the 15th. It should have
10 been given to you and you. I did that. I got the
11 documents. I didn't bring it with me, but I did
12 that.

13 JUDGE SAINSOT: All right. Can I ask you a few
14 questions, Mr. Saladino?

15 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Sure.

16 JUDGE SAINSOT: There are two paragraphs in the
17 document that you filed on January 22nd that I
18 would like to explore for a better reason -- for
19 lack of a better term, I mean.

20 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Again, I'm asking --
21 again, I'm asking --

22 JUDGE SAINSOT: I'm asking the questions here,

1 Mr. Saladino.

2 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I know, but after a
3 certain document that Mr. Pabian sent me that
4 showed something to do with issues and transformers
5 that was never my position. I've been looking for
6 it.

7 And what I answered February 14th, it
8 kind of just knocks out what I filed January or
9 whatever date that you said, February 5th or
10 whatever it was.

11 JUDGE SAINSOT: What do you mean knocks out?

12 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, because on Page 2 of
13 the -- again, I don't even know if I could show you
14 these documents because you said -- Mr. Pabian --
15 I'm saying they already sent me the document -- the
16 issues of the transformers and poles.

17 Now, it shows that there were two. It
18 shows that there were -- this is my handwriting.
19 They're not supposed to be there. They're supposed
20 to be here. None was ever initialed to be there.

21 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, okay -

22 MR. FRANK SALADINO: It kind of --

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. So you want -- the
2 transformers was one of the allegations that I
3 wanted to talk to -- talk about.

4 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Okay.

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: The first allegation is in
6 Paragraph 2 where you say --

7 MR. FRANK SALADINO: February 5th?

8 JUDGE SAINSOT: No, January 22nd.

9 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Okay. Then I probably
10 have to look for it.

11 JUDGE SAINSOT: Where you say electric was
12 refused to the plaintiff. Who refused electric to
13 you, Mr. Saladino?

14 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I have to ask you a
15 question. What the question --

16 JUDGE SAINSOT: No -- no, Mr. Saladino, I'm
17 asking the questions here.

18 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, then I'll answer it
19 to you and I answer to you with an answer.

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: Who refused --

21 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I won't be able to prove
22 it because I can't produce it.

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: I don't --

2 MR. FRANK SALADINO: -- Callaghan, the Mr. --

3 Rockford, Illinois.

4 JUDGE SAINSOT: Who -- who -- what entity, what

5 person, who refused electric to you? Who?

6 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Paul Callaghan.

7 JUDGE SAINSOT: And who is Paul Callaghan?

8 MR. FRANK SALADINO: He's some boss out of

9 Rockford, Illinois.

10 JUDGE SAINSOT: Some boss of what?

11 MR. FRANK SALADINO: The boss of Commonwealth

12 Edison --

13 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Thank you.

14 So he was acting on behalf of

15 Commonwealth Edison?

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Hm-hmm.

17 JUDGE SAINSOT: You think, at any rate. All

18 right.

19 What do you mean when electric was

20 refused? What does that mean? Were you denied

21 access? What does it mean?

22 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Okay. It means that he

1 says he never had plans. He had plans.

2 He sent me an offer for electric with
3 his plans, not the plans that we gave him which he
4 said he never received. During a meeting, the
5 NAACP present for the people, our plans happened by
6 accident to fall out of his documents on the floor
7 and we recognized it.

8 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. These are plans for what?

9 MR. FRANK SALADINO: For electricity, an offer
10 to give us electricity.

11 Now, you're going to make me go farther
12 here and you're going to say why did he refuse it
13 or I want to state why he refuse it.

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: No, I'm not asking that
15 question.

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, okay. You already
17 asked it to me and we already discussed why.
18 There's a little prejudicial statement there.

19 That's why I'm told this morning to
20 contact an attorney.

21 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. So this ComEd employee,
22 you tendered plans for an electrical hookup and he

1 refused them or --

2 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yeah.

3 JUDGE SAINSOT: Or he tendered his own plans?

4 MR. FRANK SALADINO: He sent --

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: Yes or no, Mr. Saladino? Do

6 you --

7 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yes, he refused them.

8 JUDGE SAINSOT: Did he tender his own plans?

9 MR. FRANK SALADINO: He said he never had them.

10 Might as well get right to the heart of it.

11 He said he never received -- during --

12 never received plans from us for electric. Where

13 are your plans? I did numerous letters. And --

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: And this was to hook up

15 electricity to your --

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yes, this was a very

17 detailed electrical contracting plan and that's --

18 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Now, the second

19 allegation that concerns me in the complaint or

20 that caught my eye is the one about the

21 transformers.

22 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Hm-hmm.

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: You say that ComEd transformers
2 are sitting on your property on here, right?

3 In paragraph 7, they are on the
4 property, which I take to mean to be your
5 property --

6 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yes, ma'am --

7 JUDGE SAINSOT: Because right --

8 MR. FRANK SALADINO: They are on my property.

9 JUDGE SAINSOT: All right. Now, I want to ask
10 you how long have they been there, roughly?

11 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Probably '92.

12 JUDGE SAINSOT: All right. Now, what do you
13 want ComEd to do about those transformers that are
14 on your property?

15 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Again, I'm going to go by
16 this advice. I don't know what to do until I get
17 ahold of an attorney.

18 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, Mr. Saladino, it --

19 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, here. Let me explain
20 why I don't know what to do since you're asking me.

21 I came, I asked for electric. Let's
22 push away the plans. I was told there's no

1 transformers. I says they're right there. I don't
2 see any. I says they're right there. There's no
3 transformers. Then I was told that we gave you
4 transformers because you promised to build a
5 building. And I asked, which way is it, did you
6 give me transformers so I can build a building or
7 there are no transformers? It has to be one or the
8 other.

9 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, but here's -- you -- okay.
10 I asked you, Mr. Saladino --

11 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Okay. All right. Ask me.

12 JUDGE SAINSOT: -- to go into detail --

13 MR. FRANK SALADINO: What --

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: -- about the facts, and this is
15 what I get. We spoke --

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: What do I want them to do?

17 Well --

18 JUDGE SAINSOT: Do you want them to remove the
19 transformers? Do you want a public apology from
20 someone at ComEd?

21 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I believe I'm owed a
22 rental. I'm owed something for -- if there was

1 transformers there and I was told there's no
2 transformers, that I couldn't use the transformers
3 to build a building and put my electric in --

4 JUDGE SAINSOT: So you're looking for money
5 damages?

6 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Why, yes. Yes.

7 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Are you looking for
8 anything else?

9 I mean, these --

10 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yeah. Yeah. I'd -- yeah,
11 I'd like to say -- yeah, try electric. We have --
12 I'm not going to -- you have to excuse me if I get
13 a little hyped up, my blood pressure, but there's a
14 fence. Their property goes farther to the fence,
15 past the fence.

16 As people are walking around, they're
17 going to go right up past the property -- up to
18 their fence. There's no security. If I start
19 putting buildings down there, people -- it's --
20 it's -- I mean, there's nothing to stop kids,
21 people from going -- the fence, it's only so high.
22 And there's, like, so many feet more past the fence

1 which is their land.

2 To the east side of the property, we got

3 this guy -- the Commerce Commission told me that

4 you have to measure from behind the transformers.

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: Wait, wait. We've been through

6 that.

7 MR. FRANK SALADINO: No, no, no, no.

8 JUDGE SAINSOT: I want to --

9 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Okay. Okay.

10 JUDGE SAINSOT: -- I want to know what you want

11 ComEd to do about this fence that's not high

12 enough.

13 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Okay. I was just telling

14 you about this -- here's another -- we have

15 another --

16 JUDGE SAINSOT: No, no, no, no. Mr. Saladino,

17 this is my courtroom.

18 MR. FRANK SALADINO: All right. Go ahead.

19 What do I want them to do?

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: What do you want them to do

21 about the fact that you feel the fence isn't high

22 enough, which, by the way, is the first time I

1 think I've really heard the fence isn't high enough
2 and they should do something about it.

3 MR. FRANK SALADINO: No, no. It could have been
4 the wrong word. That's why I keep telling you I
5 want to get someone legal.

6 The road where the fence is --

7 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, what do you want them to
8 do about it? Fix the fence? Make it higher? Give
9 you money damages? What?

10 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I'd like -- I can't give an
11 answer yet, not today, unless it's crucial. Unless
12 it's crucial I give an answer. I'd rather have an
13 attorney give an answer.

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. And when do you think
15 you'll have an attorney?

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Oh, we're going to go ahead
17 as soon as possible now.

18 JUDGE SAINSOT: If you succeed in retaining an
19 attorney, would you please have the attorney enter
20 an appearance and advise me immediately?

21 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Hm-hmm. Yes, I will.

22 Your Honor, we -- I'm not looking to

1 find people guilty. I'm trying to -- you keep
2 talking transformers or whatever.

3 There's an easement where transformers
4 are. The people that own -- number one, they have
5 a 20-foot easement. It is measured from -- it's
6 the Commerce Commission's law from behind the
7 transformers.

8 Well, you're 12 feet, 15 feet --

9 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, here's the thing, here's
10 the problem and we've been over this and been over
11 this --

12 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I'm trying to show you.

13 JUDGE SAINSOT: No, you're not listening to me.

14 We've been over this. We've been over
15 this and been over this and been over this, is that
16 there are some things that the Public Utilities Act
17 and the Illinois Commerce Commission has
18 jurisdiction over.

19 MR. FRANK SALADINO: No, they don't. Not this.
20 I'm -- okay. Let me ask you if they do that.

21 The people who own the home put a fence
22 in front of the transformers.

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: I am not your lawyer. I need to
2 know what you -- whether what you want falls within
3 the Public Utilities Act.

4 This is why I keep asking you what
5 you --

6 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Quit driving your trucks
7 over my land to get to your transformers. Come in
8 from the house's front.

9 They built the fence because they don't
10 want the trucks to bother them.

11 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay.

12 MR. FRANK SALADINO: So why do you come up my
13 drive, tear up my lawn to get to your transformer
14 who's not even 20 feet away.

15 JUDGE SAINSOT: All right. And what do you want
16 ComEd to do about the fact that they're trespassing
17 on your land?

18 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Maybe they shoulda got a
19 lawyer a long time ago and told them how to build
20 them. What a easement -- what a 20-foot easement
21 is.

22 JUDGE SAINSOT: No, I want to know what you want

1 ComEd to do about this --

2 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I want -- and also for all
3 the times they drove to these transformers and tore
4 my land up to pay me damages and rectify this.

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: So you want money damages.

6 MR. FRANK SALADINO: And rectify the problem.
7 I don't want their trucks driving over
8 my land to take care of housing places
9 transformers.

10 JUDGE SAINSOT: So you want an order asking them
11 to cease and desist from going on your land; is
12 that what you want?

13 MR. FRANK SALADINO: That's one, yes. I
14 can't --

15 JUDGE SAINSOT: And money damages; is that what
16 you want? I'm asking.

17 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yes. Yes. Yes.

18 JUDGE SAINSOT: I'm not trying to put words in
19 your mouth.

20 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.
21 Because I've had to repair -- okay.
22 Never mind why.

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. I'm going to have to read
2 your response to the Motion to Dismiss filed by
3 Mr. Pabian before I reach a final decision, and I
4 will issue that decision by mail and it will be
5 shortly, I promise you, Mr. Saladino.

6 MR. FRANK SALADINO: So that means it doesn't
7 make it the lawyer or whatever. You're going to
8 make a decision this can't be withdrawn, stopped.
9 I don't have -- I can't get a lawyer. It's too
10 late; is that what we're saying?

11 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, no, but I don't know
12 what -- you know, Mr. Saladino, you tend to be very
13 vague. So --

14 MR. FRANK SALADINO: No, I'm not vague because
15 I don't know what -- because I -- you made the -- I
16 don't exactly know what I'm talking about.

17 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, you shouldn't --

18 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I can't -- a lawyer you
19 says knows how to talk -- they know how to speak.

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: Right.

21 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, that's what I want
22 to do, especially after I received these other

1 documents.

2 Now, I mean, I'm going to let the lawyer
3 do the talking. I'll get an industrial lawyer,
4 civil -- whatever type of lawyer -- and let them
5 handle it. I don't want to come here -- I don't
6 want to go back -- I'm not in your category.

7 JUDGE SAINSOT: I'm perfectly -- Mr. Saladino,
8 for the record, you don't have to be in my
9 category, so to speak.

10 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well, I don't know that
11 I'm -- you know, whatever, because I'm talking --
12 I'm going like da. I don't know the kinds of
13 law --

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: Well, Mr. Saladino, I'm just
15 trying to help you, okay, and I'm just trying to
16 figure out where you belong because, in all
17 sincerity, there are allegations in there that --
18 that may violate some other laws. I don't know.

19 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Well --

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: But -- because I'm not an expert
21 in other types of laws. I have to look at the
22 Public Utilities Act.

1 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yeah. Well, I believe
2 this thing was kind of sabotaged and I'm not going
3 to knock these people. You said no lawyer would
4 talk to you. They says -- they hired attorneys
5 that did talk to you. And I put it in this motion
6 you're going to read. Somebody probably called you
7 and says, Hey, give us 15 million. You probably
8 did laugh at them.

9 But when I asked you did you get the
10 same documents they had, you went, no, nobody ever
11 talked to me. They tell me they contacted you.
12 Phil Mock and Dave Neil. They says they talked to
13 you and you laughed at them and they pulled out --
14 whatever it is.

15 But I'm catching they talked to you.
16 You said they didn't talk to you. He's got a
17 document in his hand, the same document in your
18 hand. If he didn't talk to you, how did he get the
19 doc- -- I'm not going to get into you lied, he
20 lied. I'm not -- you know, they said they called
21 you. And if -- and they don't tell me exactly what
22 they asked for. They don't tell me what exactly

1 what they did.

2 If I talk to you, you said nobody talked
3 to you. I'm sitting here going I can't give --
4 they tried to give me a letter saying that I didn't
5 hire them on the case. I want to go pro se. I
6 signed a retainer with them. They were two state's
7 attorneys, two very prominent attorneys. Where
8 they went, I don't know. They says they -- but,
9 yet, he had this document in this hand. Show it to
10 me. 2000 square feet. I talked to you, said
11 nobody ever talked to me. I says that same
12 document.

13 So what do you want me to do? Say they
14 did wrong, say you did a perjury. I had -- I mean,
15 I'm just stopping right there.

16 Somehow, somewhere along the line, what
17 did they do? Call and say they wanted a zillion
18 dollars, you said take a walk. They said, what,
19 you don't want to fight them no more? Who knows.
20 I don't know.

21 But go off -- I'll get someone I can do
22 somebody I can trust and talk to you.

1 JUDGE SAINSOT: All right. I would urge you to
2 do that at the soonest available time.

3 MR. FRANK SALADINO: I have an appointment
4 because Saturday, I was sick this week.

5 JUDGE SAINSOT: Certainly, if you decide to
6 file a motion to withdraw this complaint, I would
7 be open to that.

8 I can reserve ruling for a couple of
9 weeks on this.

10 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Yeah, I appreciate that.

11 JUDGE SAINSOT: How about I reserve ruling for
12 two weeks and that should give you enough time.

13 MR. FRANK SALADINO: All right. I appreciate
14 that.

15 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay.

16 MR. FRANK SALADINO: Do you gentleman want me
17 to contact you? You want to talk -- I mean, I'll
18 ask you right here, whatever, or you want to talk
19 to a lawyer about working something out, looking at
20 this -- because, you know, a little safety, I mean
21 if yous (sic) want me, I'll have the attorney talk
22 to -- you know, whatever -- talk to yous, that's

1 fine.

2 If not, you know you can make it as big
3 as you want to make it. I mean, whatever. You
4 think about it. I'll talk to you off the record
5 I'll talk to you -- I don't know. It doesn't make
6 any difference. We've been straight.

7 You got a problem with my gentleman here
8 is from Edison, what happened down there? He
9 doesn't know about. These people here know about
10 it. We're not going to get into all, but it's
11 going to get big.

12 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. So for the record, I
13 will reserve ruling on the Motion to Dismiss filed
14 by Mr. Pabian on behalf of the ComEd for two weeks.
15 Today is what, 19th?. So that would make it to be
16 March 3rd, I think, somewhere along that way.
17 March 3rd, March 4th.

18 MR. PABIAN: 3rd would be a Sunday. 4th would
19 be a Monday.

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: Yeah, okay. So March 4th. And
21 at that time, I will issue a ruling.

22 MR. FRANK SALADINO: And as I say, say I'll

1 withdraw it, something like that, right, Judge?

2 JUDGE SAINSOT: Right. I'm getting to that,

3 Mr. Saladino, which --

4 MR. FRANK SALADINO: That's why I told you you

5 have to excuse me.

6 JUDGE SAINSOT: I will issue a ruling

7 incorporating and/or at least considering the

8 answer to the Motion to Dismiss filed by

9 Mr. Saladino on February 15th.

10 If you get an attorney or if you decide

11 to withdraw this complaint, I would urge you to

12 contact me at the earliest possible moment, okay?

13 That's it.

14 (Discussion off the record.)

15 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Back on the record.

16 March 5th.

17 MR. PABIAN: Because that's a Tuesday.

18 JUDGE SAINSOT: I'm sorry. Today's Monday for

19 me.

20 MR. JACOBS: That's right. You had a holiday.

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1 (Whereupon, said hearing was
2 continued to March 5th,
3 2002.)
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